



Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct 16, 2022

Father Nilo Macapinlac

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| Sat Oct 15, 2022 | Confession Holy Mass | 11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds |
| Sun Oct 16, 2022 | Holy Mass <i>Catechism and Confirmation Preparation today at 10:00 AM.</i> | 9:00 AM Trochu 11:15 AM Olds 7:00 PM Olds |
| Tues Oct 18, 2022 | Holy Mass | 6:30 PM Olds |
| Wed Oct 19 2022 | Holy Mass | 9:00 AM Olds |
| Fri Oct 21, 2022 | Holy Mass | 9:00 AM Olds |
| Sat Oct 22, 2022 | Confession Holy Mass | 11:00 AM Olds 5:00 PM Olds |
| Sun Oct 23, 2022 | Holy Mass <i>Catechism and Confirmation Preparation today at 10:00 AM.</i> | 9:00 AM Olds 11:15 AM Trochu 7:00 PM Olds |

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MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday – 6:30 PM

Wednesday – 9:00 AM

Friday – 9:00 AM

Saturday – 5:00 PM

Sunday – 9:00/11:15AM

Sunday - 7:00PM

Confession every Saturday
in Olds at 11:00 AM.

Our Lady of Fatima - Sunde

OLF celebrates a monthly Mass on
the first Friday of every month.
Every Friday – Divine Mercy Chaplet
& Rosary – 10:00 AM
Mass – Nov 4, 2022

St. Anthony

St. Anthony's celebrates Mass on
the second Saturday of every
month.
Mass – Nov 12, 2022

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER NILO

My dear People of God,

Prayerful greetings! We are now on the 29th Sunday in ordinary time. The four pillars of parish stewardship are hospitality, prayer, formation and service. These are summed up as our priorities as New Evangelization, Faith Formation and Fostering the Culture of Vocations. They are intentionally presented in this order with the idea that we cannot expect people to respond to calls to increase their prayer life, their formation, and their service within and outside the parish, if they do not first feel welcomed and valued through the warmth of hospitality. It just makes good sense. However, those who are already well versed in the spirituality and practicalities of stewardship know full well that stewardship cannot succeed unless it is steeped in prayer. Today's readings show us the immense value of prayer and the privileged place it must have in our individual lives and in our parish community.

In our first reading, from Exodus, we find Moses interceding for the Israelites as they engage in a fierce battle against Amalek. As long as Moses keeps his hands raised, the Israelites succeed. But when his hands grow tired and droop, the Israelites begin to lose ground. In his wisdom, Moses anticipated that he would need support from his community as he engaged in this spiritual battle. He brought Aaron and Hur along with him to support him (quite literally) as he began to grow weary. Moses relied on his friends to hold his hands up so that they remained steady until the battle was won. We modern-day stewards would do well to follow the example of Moses and gather together in our families and as a faith community to support each other in our own spiritual battles, great or small. In our second reading, from St. Paul's letter to Timothy, Paul gives wise counsel on a particularly efficacious source of prayer — the Holy Scriptures. He reminds us that "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction and for training in righteousness" so that when we truly study it and pray with it, we may be "competent, equipped for every good work" the Lord has for us to do. Paul says that it is not enough to simply study and pray over the Scripture, however. He exhorts us to proclaim it! Our Lord Himself continues this call to prayer and persistence in the Gospel passage from Luke. He tells the parable of the nagging widow who finally wears down the judge with her unrelenting persistence in her pursuit of a just ruling from him on her behalf. Jesus goes to great lengths to describe this judge, saying he "neither feared God nor respected any human." Yet, even this corrupt judge responds with a just judgment because of the widow's persistence. Jesus uses this outlandish example to draw a vivid contrast between a reluctant, dishonest judge and our loving, all-merciful Father. If even a bad judge will give a good result in response to a persistent request, how much more eagerly and perfectly will our good Father respond to our persistent prayers to Him. If he delays in responding, if he provides a different response than the one we were expecting, we can remain confident and trusting in His goodness, knowing that His response whenever it comes and in whatever form, will be the very best one for us. Our job then, as Christian stewards, is simply to remain faithful to our relationship with God through prayer. We should prioritize the Scriptures as a source of prayer and we must lean on each other in our communities — family and parish — as we support each other in prayer. A strong pillar of prayer will make all our other stewardship efforts fruitful. Thank you for all your contribution to our Church by sharing your time, talents and treasures for God's glory. For the pastoral care for our elderly, the sick and the dying, please do not hesitate to call me for a visit to offer the Sacraments of God's saving love for them. My emergency number 780-3521524 or 403-415-6183. Thank you and God bless you richly!

Devotedly yours in Christ,
Fr. Nilo Macapinlac

If you do not receive the parish bulletin by email and are interested in picking up a print copy of Father's synopsis of the weekend's homily so you can follow along, please sign up on the list on the Spiritual Development table in the foyer and they will be available before the Masses on the weekend

FAITH FORMATION

LIVING ROSARY - Come and join a *Living Rosary* at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday Oct. 30th in the church to celebrate the Month of the Rosary.

ALL SAINTS DAY POTLUCK - All are invited to an *All Saints' Day Potluck and Party* following the 11:15 Mass on Sunday Oct. 30th. Please bring a dish to share and be entertained by the little "saints" in games after lunch.

CEMETERY SERVICE - There will be a Cemetery Service at Olds Cemetery on Hwy. 2A following the 11:15 Mass on Sunday Nov. 6th.

BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS - A Biblical Walk through the Mass continues on Thursdays from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Upper Room. Please come even if you have missed the first couple. Please bring your Bible.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Becoming a member: For any Catholic man, 18 years of age or older, looking to join the local Knights of Columbus and help us put our Faith in Action please contact our Membership Director Brother Dan Killoran at 403-415-5627 or by email at: dankilloran0521@gmail.com

RCIA

If you or someone you know is looking to join the Catholic Church, we will be starting sessions in the Fall of 2022. To initiate an interview please leave your name and contact information at the parish office (contact info at the top of this bulletin) or contact Dan Killoran at 403-415-5627.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION, CONFIRMATION & CATECHISM CLASSES

FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION – Classes for Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation will begin soon.

Oct 15, 2022

Nov 5, 2022

Nov 26, 2022

Dec 9, 2022

Do you have a child who has been baptized and who will be entering grade 2 this fall? If so, they are eligible to start preparing for **1st Reconciliation** this Fall. This is considered the first step toward their receiving their 1st Communion in the spring. Registration Forms can be found on the children's table in the foyer or contact Donna in the parish office (403-556-3084 ext. #4).

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: All eligible confirmands in grades 5, 6 & 7 are invited to come to *Journey with Jesus* in the upper room on Sundays at 10 a.m. We will be using the *Decision Point* program by Dynamic Catholic. For more information or to sign your child up, please see Donna or contact Maria at 587-796-0903. If any adults would consider helping lead a discussion for a session or two that would be great!

ATTENTION: HOMEBOUND, HOSPITALIZED, SHUT IN PARISHIONERS

Our team of Pastoral Visitors has resumed bringing Holy Communion to parishioners who are permanently or temporarily unable to attend mass. If you or one of your family members would like to receive these regular visits, please contact: Theresa Coupal: coups2@oldsnet.ca or text/call 403-556-6566 OR Donna Litwin, Pastoral Assistant, Parish Office: 403-556-3084 extension 4
Please provide telephone number, address, room number and name of facility you or your family member is in.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Open to all

We often hear a land acknowledgement made at the beginning of a public event. Do you wonder why this is done and what it means? Candida Shepherd, a parishioner of Sacred Heart of the First Peoples parish, will make a presentation to our parish that will answer these questions and more. The event will take place in the upper room at 7 PM Monday, October 17. This event is sponsored by CWL. For more information contact Jo-Anne Sell 587 796-1634.

ANNUAL FALL SUPPER

EXCITING NEWS! The Annual Fall Supper will be on Sunday Nov 20th, 2022. We have a team organizing the supper this year, but they are hoping to find a small group of volunteers to assist them.

Many hands make light work and we are blessed to have a wonderful community of people always willing to help! Please call Joanne – 587-796-1634 or Cindy – 403-224-3081 to volunteer.

The sign has gone up this week. Please take a moment to sign up. There is need for food contribution and preparation in addition to jobs the week before and day of the supper. Thank you in advance!

October is the Month of Mary

